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10/051,682

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert Vincent Cox et al.  
Serial No.: 10/051,682  
Date Filed: January 18, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 2142  
Confirmation No.: 1169  
Examiner: Ailes, Benjamin A.  
• Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
VALIDATING A NETWORK**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.